

AMENDMENTS IN THE CLAIMS:

1-39 (Cancelled).

40. (Currently amended) An information recording medium comprising:

a first recording area for recording first audio information and first management information for managing the first audio information; and

a second recording area for recording second audio information and second management information for managing the second audio information,

wherein:

the first management information specifies the first audio information using a group number and a track number,

the second management information specifies the second audio information using an identification number,

the second management information includes link information which indicates that the first audio information and the second audio information are related to each other, and

the link information ~~relates~~ includes the group number and the track number for specifying the first audio information,

the link information further includes ~~to~~ the identification number specifying the second audio information, and

the link information is configured such that the link information can be searched based on the inclusion of the group number and the track number to obtain the second audio information as specified from the identification number of the second audio information indicated by the link information found by the search.

41. (Previously presented) An information recording medium according to claim 40, wherein:

the second audio information is a compressed form of the first audio information.

42. (Currently amended) A reproduction apparatus for reproducing at least one of first audio information and second audio information related to the first audio information, which are recorded on an information recording medium, wherein the information recording medium includes:

- a first recording area for recording first audio information and first management information for managing the first audio information; and

- a second recording area for recording second audio information and second management information for managing the second audio information,

wherein

- the first management information specifies the first audio information using a group number and a track number,

- the second management information specifies the second audio information using an identification number,

- the second management information includes link information which indicates that the first audio information and the second audio information are related to each other, and

- the link information ~~relates~~ includes the group number and the track number for specifying the first audio information,

- the link information further includes ~~to~~ the identification number specifying the second audio information, and

- the link information is configured such that the link information can be searched based on the inclusion of the group number and the track number to obtain the second audio information as specified from the identification number of the second audio information indicated by the link information found by the search,

- the reproduction apparatus comprising:

- a reading section operable to read at least one of the first audio information, the second audio information, the first management information and the second management information from the information recording medium;

- a storage section having, stored therein, at least one of first decryption information for decrypting the first management information and the second decryption information

for decrypting the second management information;

a decryption section operable to decrypt at least one of the first management information and the second management information; and

an output section operable to output at least one of the first audio information and the second audio information,

when the first decryption information is stored in the storage section and the first audio information is to be reproduced,

the reading section reads the first management information from the information recording medium,

the decryption section decrypts the first management information based on the first decryption information,

the reading section reads the first audio information from the information recording medium, based on the decryption result of the first management information, and

the output section outputs the first audio information,

when the second decryption information is stored in the storage section and the second audio information is to be reproduced,

the reading section reads the second management information from the information recording medium,

the decryption section decrypts the second management information based on the second decryption information,

the reading section reads the second audio information from the information recording medium, based on the decryption result of the second management information, and

the output section outputs the second audio information,

when the reproduction apparatus receives an instruction to copy the first audio information,

the reading section reads the link information from the information recording medium,

the decryption section decrypts the link information so as to specify the second

audio information related to the first audio information,

the reading section reads the specified second audio information from the information recording medium, and

the output section outputs the specified second audio information.

43. (Previously presented) A reproduction apparatus according to claim 42, further comprising a determination section operable to determine whether or not the power for the reproduction apparatus is supplied from an external power supply,

wherein:

when the determination section determines that the power for the reproduction apparatus is supplied from the external power supply, the output section outputs the first audio information, and

when the determination section determines that the power for the reproduction apparatus is not supplied from the external power supply, the output section outputs the second audio information.

44. (Previously presented) A reproduction apparatus according to claim 42, wherein:

the second audio information is a compressed form of the first audio information.

45. (Currently amended) A reproduction method for reproducing at least one of first audio information and second audio information related to the first audio information, which are recorded on an information recording medium, wherein the information recording medium includes:

a first recording area for recording first audio information and first management information for managing the first audio information; and

a second recording area for recording second audio information and second management information for managing the second audio information,

wherein

the first management information specifies the first audio information using a group number and a track number,

the second management information specifies the second audio information using an identification number,

the second management information includes link information which indicates that the first audio information and the second audio information are related to each other, and

the link information ~~relates~~ includes the group number and the track number for specifying the first audio information,

the link information further includes ~~to~~ the identification number specifying the second audio information, and

the link information is configured such that the link information can be searched based on the inclusion of the group number and the track number to obtain the second audio information as specified from the identification number of the second audio information indicated by the link information found by the search,

the reproduction method comprising the steps of:

(a) reproducing the first audio information using first decryption information for decrypting the first management information;

(b) reproducing the second audio information using second decryption information for decrypting the second management information; and

(c) performing a copy process in response to an instruction to copy the first audio information,

wherein:

the step (a) includes the steps of:

reading the first management information from the information recording medium;

decrypting the first management information based on the first decryption information;

reading the first audio information from the information recording medium, based on the decryption result of the first management information; and

outputting the first audio information,

the step (b) includes the steps of:

reading the second management information from the information recording medium;

decrypting the second management information based on the second decryption information;

reading the second audio information from the information recording medium, based on the decryption result of the second management information; and

outputting the second audio information,

the step (c) includes the steps of:

reading the link information from the information recording medium;

decrypting the link information so as to specify the second audio information related to the first audio information;

reading the specified second audio information from the information recording medium; and

outputting the specified second audio information.

46. (Currently amended) A program for making a computer execute a reproduction process for reproducing at least one of first audio information and second audio information related to the first audio information, which are recorded on an information recording medium, wherein the information recording medium includes:

a first recording area for recording first audio information and first management information for managing the first audio information; and

a second recording area for recording second audio information and second management information for managing the second audio information,

wherein

the first management information specifies the first audio information using a group number and a track number,

the second management information specifies the second audio information using an identification number,

the second management information includes link information which indicates that the first audio information and the second audio information are related to each other,

and

the link information ~~relates~~ includes the group number and the track number for specifying the first audio information,

the link information further includes ~~to~~ the identification number specifying the second audio information, and

the link information is configured such that the link information can be searched based on the inclusion of the group number and the track number to obtain the second audio information as specified from the identification number of the second audio information indicated by the link information found by the search,

the reproduction process comprising the steps of:

(a) reproducing the first audio information using first decryption information for decrypting the first management information;

(b) reproducing the second audio information using second decryption information for decrypting the second management information; and

(c) performing a copy process in response to an instruction to copy the first audio information,

wherein:

the step (a) includes the steps of:

reading the first management information from the information recording medium;

decrypting the first management information based on the first decryption information;

reading the first audio information from the information recording medium, based on the decryption result of the first management information; and

outputting the first audio information,

the step (b) includes the steps of:

reading the second management information from the information recording medium;

decrypting the second management information based on the second decryption information;

reading the second audio information from the information recording medium,
based on the decryption result of the second management information; and

outputting the second audio information,

the step (c) includes the steps of:

reading the link information from the information recording medium;

decrypting the link information so as to specify the second audio information
related to the first audio information;

reading the specified second audio information from the information recording
medium; and

outputting the specified second audio information.